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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a are a number of documents which the PTO may consider material to the examination of this application. A copy of the references is provided herewith, except for U.S. Patents and published U.S. Patent applications which have been waived under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 in view of the Notification of United States Patent and Trademark Office Patent Application Records being Stored and Processed in Electronic Form, 1271 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 100 (June 17, 2003). Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be considered by the Examiner, made of record in the present application, and an initialed copy of the Form be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

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OR

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AND

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